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1. FYI: REF A INDICATED THREE PROBLEMS WITH US INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO NATO WITH THE BASIC SHORTCOMING BEING NOT IN QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF THE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE SUPPLIED BUT IN THE PACKAGING AND DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCT. IN JULY 1973 DIA BEGAN PROVIDING NATO WITH A DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAY, SUMMARY OF RELEASABLE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE IN KEEPING WITH EFFORTS TO PROVIDE INCREASED INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO NATO. WITH THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, DIA BEGAN 24 HOUR REPORTING TO NATO BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION. WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THIS INCREASED REPORTING BY DIA IS RECEIVED WITH GREAT INTEREST BY NATO AND VARIOUS
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MODS. END FYI.

2. THE MAJOR PROBLEM CONCERNING DIA'S INTELLIGENCE INPUT TO NATO IS ADDRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 7(A) OF REF A. REFERENCE B CONTROLS THE FORMAT AND METHODS OF TRANSMISSION OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE TO NATO. WITH SOME SLIGHT VARIATIONS, POINTED OUT BELOW, DIA BEGAN FOLLOWING THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX C TO REF B EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1974. THE FOLLOWING VARIATIONS ARE NOTED:

A. REF B, ANNEX C, PARAGRAPH C(6 AND 7) INDICATED THAT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS (NORMAL CASE) SHOULD BE SENT OVER NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK TO THE NATO SITUATION CENTER AND MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS ONLY, USING THE FORMAT OF APPENDIX 1. AIG 7017 INCLUDES THESE ADDRESSEES AND OTHER PERTINENT US ADDRESSEES THAT REQUIRE THE INFORMATION. COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND TIMELINESS DICTATE CONINUED USE OF THIS AIG FOR DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS (NORMAL CASE). IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT AIG 7017 IS THE DIA NATO ADDRESSEE GROUP AND ALL ITEMS ADDRESSED TO IT HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND ESPECIALLY TAILORED FOR NATO. CONCERNING THE FORMAT, DIA HAS BEGUN TO USE THE NADA CONTROL LINE NOTED IN APPENDIX 1 BUT, DUE TO ECCENTRICITIES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, THIS LINE IS PRECEDED BY A SUBJECT LINE LISTING A SHORT TITLE OF THE MESSAGE.

B. THE SAME REFERENCE INDICATES THAT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS (EXTREMELY URGENT) WILL USE THE SAME FORMAT BUT BE ADDRESSED TO AIGS 6006 AND 6007. DIA WILL ADDRESS IMMEDIATE AND HIGHER PRECEDENT MESSAGES AND ALL ASSESSMENTS TO THESE AIG GROUPS BUT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AIG 7017 TO INSURE PROPER DISTRIBUTION FOR OTHER US/NATO ALLY POINTS OF CONTACT. ASSESSMENT FORMAT WILL FOLLOW REF B, ANNEX C, APPENDIX 2 WITH THE ADDITION OF A SUBJECT LINE AS NOTED ABOVE.

3. CONCERNING THE INPUT OF ASSESSMENTS TO NATO, DIA BEGAN PROVIDING NATO CABLE SUPPLEMENTS IN FEBRUARY 1974 WITH THE FIRST SUPPLEMENT ON STATUS OF SOVIET FORCES IN HUNGARY. DIA PLANS TO CONTINUE THIS PRODUCTION ON A CONFIDENTIAL

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PERIODIC BASIS (A MINIMUM OF ONE PER MONTH) AND AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2(B) ABOVE. IN ADDITION TO THESE PERIODIC SUPPLEMENTS, THE MAJORITY OF "ITEMS" INCLUDED IN THE DAILY MESSAGE ALSO PROVIDE SOME DEGREE OF ANALYTICAL ASSESSMENT. AS SUCH, IN EXCESS OF 90 PERCENT OF THE ITEMS SUBMITTED TO NATO ON A DAILY BASIS CAN INDEED BE INTERPRETED AS "ASSESSMENTS." GENERALLY, THESE ITEMS ARE NARROW IN SCOPE AS OPPOSED TO

THE SUPPLEMENTS WHICH PROVIDE A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE OF ANY GIVEN SUBJECT. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CREDIT FOR THE DAILY "ASSESSMENTS", RECOMMEND USNATO MODIFY THEIR ACCOUNTING SYSTEM TO INCLUDE A MORE EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE DAILY MESSAGE. IF NECESSARY, DIA IS PREPARED TO INCLUDE AIGS 6006 AND 6007 IN THE INTELLIGENCE REPORT - NORMAL CASE (REF A, ANNEX C, PARAGRAPH C 6 AND 7) IF NECESSARY TO INSURE WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF DAILY CURRENT INTELLIGENCE INPUT. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD REQUIRE MODIFICATION IN NATO/SHAPE REPORTING OF CURRENT

INTELLIGENCE TO PRECLUDE DUPLICATION, FOR MUCH OF DIA INFORMATION IS RETRANSMITTED BY NATO INTSUM.

4. POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY STATE (INR). IN MOST CASES THEY HAVE BEEN SENT AS STATE CABLES FOR USE IN POLADS MEETINGS, A PRACTICE WHICH USNATO HAD SUGGESTED. WE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO FILE MORE ASSESSMENTS IN THE NATO WIDE SYSTEM AND TO LABEL THEM AS "ASSESSMENTS."

5. AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 7C, REF A WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ADEQUACY OF THE SINGLE NWCS TERMINAL IN WASHINGTON. AT THIS TIME ONE TERMINAL APPEARS ADEQUATE.

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